Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the safety of children is the utmost importance on West Virginia roadways; and

Whereas, motor vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of death for children ages one to thirteen in the United States; and

Whereas, more than half of all child safety seats are not used properly or installed correctly; and

Whereas, among children under 5, car seats saved an estimated 325 lives in 2017; and

Whereas, it is extremely important for all parents and caregivers to ensure that child safety seats are installed correctly and in good working condition; and

Whereas, all parents and caregivers in the State of West Virginia should join with the Child Passenger Safety Program under the Governor's Highway Safety Program to promote child passenger safety through checkup events, public awareness, and education; and

Whereas, during the week of September 20-26, 2020, parents and caregivers should join together to focus attention on the safety of our children in vehicles on West Virginia roadways.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim September 20-26, 2020 as:

National Child Passenger Safety Week

and September 26, 2020 as:

National Seat Check Saturday

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fourteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Eighth year of the State.



Jim Justice Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State